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Letter No.Ms.2883 dated the 3rd December, 1948.

From

V.K. Rao, Esq., I.C.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi.

Sir,

Prohibition - Foreign liquor - Consumption by Ur Kingdom citizens and supply to Merchant Navy Clubs.

From the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs Letter No.51(390)/48-Public dated 27-9-1948.

I am directed to state that Prohibition has been extended to the whole of the Province except the Partially Excluded Areas. The Madras Prohibition Act contains a provision under which permits may be granted to individuals for the possession and consumption of liquor. Permits are freely granted to all Europeans (including U.K.citizens) of the age of 21 and above to possess ~~consumption on payment of a fee~~ foreign liquor or Indian made foreign spirits for personal comsumption on payment of a fee of Rs.20 per annum. The maximum quantity of foreign liquor or Indian made foreign spirits allowed to be possessed at a time and in a month are as follows:-

	At a time.	a month.
Non-domiciled Europeans.	8 units.	8 units.
Domiciled Europeans.	6 units	6 units.

(One unit represents one quart bottle of whisky, brandy, gin, rum or other kinds of spirit including liqueurs or 3 quart bottles of wine or vermonth or 12 quartbottles of beer or cider.).

2. Similarly there is a provision in the Act for the grant o licences to institutions like clubs to store liquor and to issue it to such of its members as are in possession of permits of the kind referred to in para 1 above. Such licences are freely granted upto clubs in this Province with predominantly European have been issued (copy enclosed) by the operation of which the total quantity of liquor consumed by a permit holder in a club and in his house does not exceed the maximum quantity mentioned in his permit. * Membership . Grolers which will come US effect from 1.1.49

3. As regards the Marine Club at Madras and the Merchant Navy Club at Vizagapatam referred to in para 3 of your letter quoted above, I am directed to state that licences have been issued to them to possess 750 units and 320 units of liquor at a time respectively for distribution to their members who hold permits for the consumption of liquor. For the convenience of European seamen who visit ports for short periods the Secretaries of the clubs have been authorised to issue liquor permits to such seamen. (A copy of the orders on the subject is enclosed for ready reference). There is no objection to permit th clubs to import their requirements of liquor from abroad provided they pay the usual gallonage fees before the liquor is taken into stock.

Yours fzithfully,
P.Arumuga Mudr.
For Dy. Secretary to Government.

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